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## Amaze newsletter - November 2019



### Welcome to Amaze's first digital newsletter!

I am excited to introduce you to our new-look newsletter! We know many of you have enjoyed getting a printed or PDF newsletter over the years, but with this new digital format we'll be able to communicate with you more frequently (every other month to start with) and in a format that's much easier to view on your phone or laptop.

Each edition will give you the latest news and information for your area - we'll be producing different versions for East Sussex and Brighton & Hove families - as well as interesting features about local families and projects, and tips for you in your caring role. We will also update you on the important work of the two local parent carer forums – Brighton and Hove PaCC and the new East Sussex Parent Carer Forum – who we are delighted to support.

To find out more about what has been happening at Amaze in the last couple of months, please [read Rachel's roundup](#), my new blog and don't forget to tell us what you think of our new newsletter via the survey at the bottom of this email.

*Rachel Travers, Amaze CEO*

## Latest news



### Audrey's modelling debut

Our regular Amaze cover girl Audrey has been snapped up by online giant Not on the High Street for their Christmas campaign! Her Mum Vicky tells us all about Audrey's modelling debut.

[Read more ›](#)



### Have a Colour Matched Xmas

'Colour Matching is Catching' is a beautiful new coffee table book in aid of Amaze that features residents of Brighton's Hanover district colour-matched to their homes, cars and each other. Get one for Christmas!

[Read more ›](#)

## AMAZE ADVICE ZONE



### VIDEO: What to do if you're worried about your child at school?

Amaze's SENDIASS team tell you what you need to know to make sure your child is getting the right support in school.

[Watch the video ›](#)



### Top tips for Christmas

We all know Christmas can be extra stressful if your child has additional needs. So we've put our Amaze heads together to give you our **Top 12 Tips** for a less stressful Christmas.

[Read our tips ›](#)



### How to claim DLA

Ever wanted to make a claim for DLA but don't know where to start? Check out our fact sheet full of **Tips for claiming DLA** or come along to our [DLA workshop on 22 January](#).

[Download our factsheet ›](#)



## Our new e-zine for young people

Amaze is launching an accessible new online magazine for and by young people with SEND called 'Amazine'. The first edition will be based around [mental health and wellbeing](#), with tips and advice on simple things to do to look after yourself, as well as loads of fun features, photos and pictures. Would you like to send us something to feature in the magazine?

[Get involved >](#)



**Brighton & Hove Parent Carer Forum** Brighton & Hove Parent Carer Forum give us the latest news on the city's Independent Review into home to school transport

[Read PaCC update](#)



## Amaze AGM event

This year Amaze is holding its [AGM in Eastbourne](#) on **5 December** to highlight our work with families across East Sussex and to celebrate our Eastbourne Amazing Futures groups for young people with SEND. Let us know you are coming.

[Join us at the AGM >](#)



## Gaming evening

Don't miss our [Amazing Futures gaming evening](#) for young people with SEND aged 14-25 in Brighton on **13 December**. Run with Extratime, there'll be loads of games to play or watch others play.

[Find out more >](#)



## All about Compass

Ever wondered about the Compass Card? Want to find out what it is and whether you can get a card? Our new Compass Card video sums up the whole scheme in just over two minutes.

[Watch the video >](#)

## Brighton & Hove SEND News

### New head of SEN

Brighton & Hove has a new Head of SEN Statutory Services, Rhian Hughes. [Find out more about Rhian.](#)

### Brighton & Hove SEND Strategy latest

Work is underway on a new Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategy for Brighton & Hove, to be launched next year. Parent carers, professionals and organisations have already identified priorities and each of these will have an action plan. [Find out more about the SEND Strategy](#)



## Donate while you shop

If you find yourself doing a bit more online shopping than usual over the next few weeks, please do so through [easyfundraising](#) or [amazon smile](#) and choose Amaze as your charity. It's a really easy way of raising funds for our work.



## What do you think of this newsletter?

Take five minutes to complete our survey and be in with a chance of winning some Julia Donaldson goodies in time for Christmas! Don't forget to give us your email address so we can tell you if you've won!

Take the survey ›

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